



## HOME MAINTENANCE

*Keeping Homes Safe and Families Healthy*



# Cleaning the Bathroom

Clean homes are usually safer,  
more attractive, and free of household pests.  
Equipment and furnishings that are kept clean usually  
last longer, saving YOU money.

### General Duties

It is easier to keep the bathroom clean if everyone in the family helps.

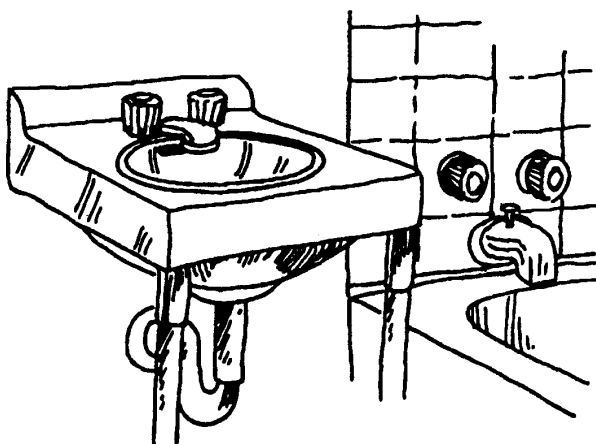
- Rinse out the sink after each use.
- Hang up towels and washcloths.
- Wash out the bathtub after each use.
- Flush the toilet after each use.
- Remove excess hair from the sink or tub.
- Remove dirty clothes.

### Supplies needed

- All-purpose cleaner
- Cloths or sponges
- Toilet brush
- Glass cleaner (for mirror)
- Mop and bucket
- Rubber gloves

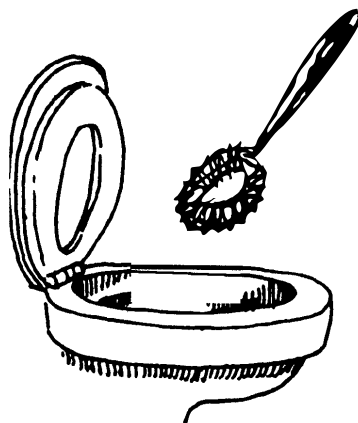
### All-purpose cleaner

Mix 2 tablespoons ammonia, 2 tablespoons liquid dish detergent, and 1 quart of water.



### To clean the sink, faucets, tub or shower:

- Wash with a soapy cloth or sponge.
- Use baking soda and a nonscratch pad for stubborn marks.
- Rinse with clear water.



### To clean the toilet:

- Wash the tank, outside of bowl, seat, and lid with a soapy cloth.
- Scrub the inside of the toilet bowl with a long-handled brush.
- Any all-purpose cleaner will work if the toilet bowl is cleaned weekly.

### Other hints for cleaning the bathroom

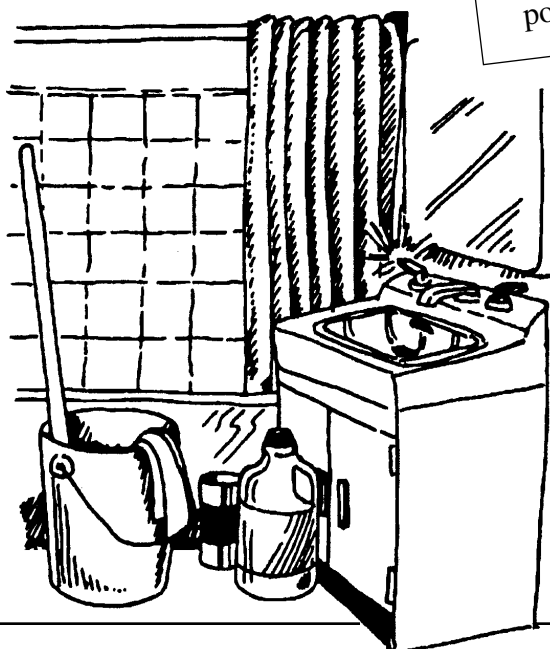
- Plastic shower curtains can be machine washed with a load of towels. Hang wet shower curtain in the bathroom to air-dry.

■ **NEVER** mix bleach with other cleaning products. You could be making poisonous gases.

### More helpful hints

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- *Cleaning Your Refrigerator*
- *Cleaning Your Gas Stove*
- *Cleaning Your Electric Stove*
- *Alternative Household Cleaning Solutions*



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